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Trustees
Minutes
March 1944 -
October 1949

1944

The Trustees of the Library met March 15-th.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted, and the bills were signed.

Catherine Reed was appointed to get a new picture for holding the flag.

The motion was made and accepted to have same staff, at the same salarys. The officers to remain the same with the exception of Clerk. Due to Mrs. Sherwin Reed's inability to attend most of the meetings, Mrs. Cedric Brousseau was appointed clerk in her place.

Mrs. Greenwood presented 20 volumes of "Messages and Papers of Presidents", to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean K. Brousseau, Clerk

June 29, '44

The Trustees of the Public Library met at the Library June 29.

The clerk's report was read and accepted. Bills were signed.

Shirley Reed was hired at the salary of $1.25 per hour, to help out when needed.

It was voted to itemize the salary bills.

It was also voted to change the Library days to Monday and Friday, beginning the Friday after Labor Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Branscom, Clerk

Oct. 11, 1944

The Trustees of the Public Library met Oct. 11, 1944.

The clerk's report was read and accepted. Bills were signed.

In September the board met and sorted old books and magazines for the Salvage Drive. When weighed it was shown we had given two tons. The proceeds were ~~$~~3 2.46. The board voted to leave the money in the Salvage Drive Fund.

The magazine subscriptions are to be the same as usual. Mrs. Kennedy to go over order with Miss Warner, and mail the order herself.

It was voted to destroy the books handled by children who had Infantile paralysis.

The Library received a check for $5.00 from Allison Ball.

The P. T. A. are to have a meeting Feb. 13, 1945, at the Library.

It was voted to have some general repairs done.

A flagpole holder is needed. Some tiles need to be reset. Chimney pointed. Leaks fixed. New glass in sky light. Spaces in attic filled in.

The Trustees are to have a meeting Nov. 13, to help straighten books.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Branscom, Clerk

Nov. 13, 1944.

The Trustees of the Public Library met Nov. 13, 1944.

The clerk's report was read and accepted. Bills were signed.

It was voted to have a Building Committee to take care of general repairs. Said committee to consist of Jean Brousseau and Bertha Fahlstrom.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Brousseau, Clerk

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Jan 29, 1945

The Trustees of the Public Library met Jan. 29, 1945.

The clerk's report was read and accepted. Bills were signed.

It was voted to grant Mrs. French, full time, full pay, for seven hours a week at $.30 per hour, for assistant librarians, until July 1st. The clerk to send a note to Mrs. French informing her of this decision.

Mrs. Goldie Prouty Benson, wishes to give a book on flowers to the Library, in memory of her mother.

We also voted to buy an Encyclopedia Britanica for Library.

March 20, 1945

The Trustees of the Public Library met March 20, 1945.

The clerk's report was read and accepted. The treasurer's statement was read and accepted.

We voted to have the same officers and staff as last year.

Harold French, not wishing to accept the position of janitor of Library, the trustees appointed Frederick Anderson. His duties to begin April 1st, 1945.

There will be another meeting April 3, at 9:00 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean K. Broussard, Clerk.

April 3, 1945

The Trustees of the Public Library met April 3. The clerk's report was read and accepted. Bills were signed.

Mrs. Fahlstrom was to ask George Taylor to trim shrubbery around Library.

It was voted to go ahead with the necessary repairs.

The next meeting will be Wed. May 9, at 8:00 o'clock A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Bronsdon

May 8, 1945

The Trustees of the Public Library met May 8.

The Clerk's report was read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

It was decided to have the janitor trim the shrubbery around Library.

After some discussion, we voted to buy a new 1945 Encyclopedia Brittanica.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan K. Brunsman, Sec.

July 2, 1945

The Trustees of the Public Library met July 2, 1945.

The clerk's report was read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

~~The Selectmen have approved the bills for the glass repairs.~~

We voted to have the tiles replaced in vestibule, and in front of fireplace.

It was also voted to extend Mrs. French's sick leave three months longer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Brousseau, Clerk.

Oct. 1, 1945

The Trustees of The Public Library met Oct. 1, 1945.

The clerk's report was read and accepted.

The Selectmen were unable to O.K. the glass repair bill.

It was voted to have the furnace inspected this fall.

We also voted to buy the same magazines with the addition of two copies of "Seventeen", a "teen age magazine.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Brousseau, Clerk.

Jan 7, 1946

The Library Trustees met Jan. 7, 1946 in the library.

The clerk's report was read and accepted. Bills were signed.

It was voted to raise Shirley Reed's salary to thirty cents (.30) per hour, to be retroactive to Oct. 1, 1945.

The Librarian has been given permission to hire anyone she wishes whenever necessary, without consulting the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Branscom, Clerk

Feb. 11, 1946

The Library Trustees met Feb 11, 1946: The clerk's report was read and accepted. Bills were signed, and the annual report approved.

The Trustees extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Madalene Kennedy for her years of volunteer work as Treasurer and Librarian.

It was voted to ask for $1200.00 instead of $900.00, for the purpose of raising salaries.

The board is to have their next meeting Monday, ~~Feb.~~ March 18, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Brousseau, Clerk.

March 18, 1946

The Trustees of the Public Library met March 18, 1946. The clerk's report was read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

The board voted to discontinue buying oil from the Shell Oil Co, as the service has been very unsatisfactory. Mr Frank McKenzie is to be asked to take care of fuel in the future.

Mr. Allison Ball sent his usual check of $5.00, in memory of his father. Mrs. Kennedy is to send a note of thanks.

The Library budget has been increased to $1,200.00.

The same officers were elected, and Mr. Anderson reemployed as janitor.

It was voted to increase salaries to fifty cents ($.50) per hour, This

will be retroactive to June 1, 1946. The personel affected will be, Mrs. Bertha Fahlstrom, Mrs. Jean Willoughby, and Miss Shirley Reed.

We voted to have Mrs. Kennedy conduct an examination this summer, to decide which girls were the most capable of working in the library.

Mrs. Trendis's sick leave is to be extended at the old salary rate of, thirty cents per hour.

Our next meeting will be Monday April 1, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Branscum, Clerk

April 1st, 1946

Three members of the Library Trustees met and signed the bills that were at Library.

Due to the absence of the other members of the board no business was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Brousseau

April 22, 1946

The Library Trustees met April 22, 1946 in the Library. The clerk's report was read and accepted. Bills were signed. Frederick Anderson resigned as janitor. Francis Thomas has been appointed as new janitor, and is to be paid by the month.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Brousseau

June 3, 1946

The Library Trustees met June 3, 1946 in the Library.

The clerk's report was read and approved.

Current bills were signed.

Mr. Sorenson is to clear out poison ivy around the building

The next meeting is to July 1, at 2.00 P.M. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted

Jean K. Brousseau.

July 1, 1946

The Library Trustees met July 1, 1946 in the Library.

The clerk's report was read and approved.

Current bills were signed.

It was voted to buy a roll of building paper to cover the windows above the desk.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Branscom, Clerk

Oct.

The Library Trustees met Oct. 7, 1946, in the library.

The clerk's report was read and approved. Current bills were signed.

It was voted to have the same magazines as last year. The only exception being the Christian Herald, which does not seem to be read any to speak of.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan K. Brousseau, Clerk

Nov. 1946

The Library Trustees met in the Library Nov. 14, 1946. Current bills were signed.

It was voted to change the furnace repair man from Leander, to Cross and Buchanan.

It was also voted to keep Ann Marie Devoe on as a library worker. Mrs. Kennedy will have an examination of her the first of the year. This will enable us to have a waiting list in case of an emergency.

We have decided to have a good clean up job on the shrubbery, and have the two large evergreens removed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Brownell Clerk

Jan. 1947

The Library Trustees met at the Library Jan 6, 1947.

The Clerk's report was read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

Mrs. Owen Kennedy treasurer, reported all bills paid and a very small sum left over.

Mr and Mrs. Charles Brown presented the Library a book, "History of World War II", in memory of Carrie Allen.

The Young Women's Social Club gave two books, "Dynamic Ideals in the Culture of Today" and "The Child From Five to Ten."

The newly organized American Legion to be allowed to use the Community room in Library once a month, subject to any understanding with the Trustees.

The Community room is to be

loaned to community groups, but not to private parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Branstrom, Clerk

It was voted to ask for the sum of $1,200 for the Library budget, which is the same amount as last year

March, 1947

The Library Trustees met at the Library March 10, 1947.

The minutes were read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

The terms of office, Library staff, and janitorial staff were reappointed.

A bid from Pierce Pump on the minimum wage for observer members, it was voted to give the raise, if we find it applies to us.

It was also voted to pay Miss Mary Dunn $1 per hr. instead of $1.25 beginning April 1st

Mr. Tilton from Jaffrey was to be asked to speak at a Community room.

Respectfully submitted

Jean K. Brown, Clerk

March 1947

The Library Trustees met in the Library March 19, 1947, The Sec. report was read and accepted.

The minimum wage law for Clerical workers does not apply to employees who are on a public payroll, so the salaries will remain the same for the present.

It was voted to ~~raise~~ the retirement age of the Library staff 70 years.

Mrs. Mary Franks sick leave is to be discontinued after this. We will continue our present hourly wages, with no more sick leave pay.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Brousseau Sec

April 7, 1947

The Library Trustees, met in the Library April 7, 1947.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The only business was the signing of bills.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Brousseau, Sec.

Oct. 13, 1947

The Library Trustees met in the Library Oct. 13, 1947. The secretary's report was read and accepted. Some bills were signed.

It was decided to subscribe for the same magazines, with the addition of Hygeia. Morningdale branch is to discontinue Flying, Seventeen, and American, and will add Children's Activities. We voted to discontinue the subscription to the Clinton Courant.

Respectfully submitted, Jean K. Brousseau Sec.

Nov. 3, 1947

The Library Trustees met in the library, Nov. 3, 1947.

The secretary's report was read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

It was voted to install an electric hot water heater, of fifteen gallon capacity in the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane K. Brownlow, Sec.

Jan. 5, 1948

The Library Trustees met in the Library, Jan. 5, 1948.

The secretary's report was read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

It was voted to ask for the sum of $1700.00, for our 1948 budget.

Mr. William Kirk gave very generously of his time and equipment to help refinish the floor in the library. A note has been sent, to him, thanking him for his generosity.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Brouillard, Sec.

Feb. 2, 1948

The Library Trustees met in the Library, Feb 2, 1948.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Braunsdorf, Sec.

March 22, 1948.

The trustees met in the Library, March 22, 1948.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer's annual report was signed, also a few bills.

At the annual Town Meeting an increase of $500.00 in our budget was approved. The board was also complimented on the fine work we are doing.

The board voted to increase the salaries of Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Fahlstrom, from $.50 per hr. to $.60 per hr. Anne Marie Dewar, was increased from $.40 per hr. to $.50 per hr. The increase is to be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1948. The same staff was elected for 1948.

Francis Thomas, and George Taylor are to be retained a janitor, and grounds keeper.

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It was voted to engage William Kolde, to do small repairs, and pay him $1.00 per hr.

The Secretary cast one ballot for the officers of the board

Chairman, Mrs. F. W. Fahlstrom

Sec. Mr. C. L. Brousseau

Treas. Mrs. Owen Kennedy.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean K. Brousseau, Sec.

May 10, 1948

The Trustees of the Boylston Public Library, met May 10, 1948.

Mrs. Fahlstrom has been appointed to ask the selectmen, to give Mrs. Kennedy the combination of the library safe. Library records are kept in the safe, and the trustees have no access to them.

Mrs. Fahlstrom is to contact Thomas Lovell about taking Francis Thomas place as janitor, and will report at the next meeting.

The question has come up, as to who gave Rev. Kimball's picture away. We hope to have the records at the next meeting, and settle the dispute.

The next meeting will be held May 17, at 1.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Branneran, Sec.

May 24, 1948

The Library trustees met May 24, at the Library

The secretaries report was read and accepted.

It was found on looking over previous reports, that the trustees had voted to give Rev. Kimball's picture to the Congregational Church seven years ago.

George Christianson is to be asked to take Frances Thomas's place as janitor, at $5.0 per hour.

After diligent searching for a helper in the Library, Mrs Jacob Hobart has consented to become assistant, at a salary of $.75 per hour.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean K. Brandeker, Sec.

Oct. 4, 1945

The Richmond Lunsford met in the evening Oct. 4, 1945.

The secretaries report was read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

It was voted to Pres. Mr. Hall's request and we had a call meeting Wednesday evening.

It was decided that we have the same list of officers as last year.

Resp. submitted,
Frank Brinsfield, Sec.

Oct 25, 1948

The trustees of the Boylston Public Library met Oct 25, 1948, at the Library.

Sec's report was read and accepted. Current bills were signed.

The selectmen say we can have $1,200.00 for repairs. We voted to go ahead and do what repairs are necessary. Mr. Kotz will supervise the work.

~~We authorized the Sec. to write Mr. Kotz~~

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Brownell, Sec.

Jan 3 1949

The Trustees of the Brighton Public Library met at the Library Jan. 3, 1949.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

Current bills were signed.

Returns voted to note for $17000 for the Library budget, the same amount as in 1948.

A list of repairs was drawn up to be sent to the selectmen

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Brownson, Sec.

April 4, 1949

The meeting of the library trustees opened at 4. P.M. with three members of the board present.

The financial report was presented by the treasurer and approved.

Bills were approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The election of officers was carried out with a motion to return the present officers for another term of one year.

A motion to retain the present personel was made and carried.

It was voted to increase Mrs. Hokeland's wages to $60 per hr.

June 6, 1949

The Library Trustees met in the Library June 6, 1949.

Current bills were approved and signed

Mary Jemison was hired for the month of July at $1.00 per hr.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Pomeroy, Sec.

Oct. 3, 1949.

The Library Trustees met in the Library Oct. 3, 1949

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Current bills were signed.

The same list of magazines is to be ordered for the coming year.

A motion was made and carried to have the windows repaired and painted by Ralph Garfield.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanie Branneaman, Secy.